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SUBJECT: ELECTION OF FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL

1. CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF 77 HAS DISTRIBUTED WIDELY INCLUDING US A
NOTE ON THE ELECTION OF A NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FAO.

2. NOTE IN LONG OPENING PARAGRAPH EXPRESSES IMPORTANCE OF
SELECTING D-G OF FAO FROM THIRD WORLD. ACTIVE PARAGRAPHS ARE
AS FOLLOWS: (A) THE GROUP OF 77 CONSIDERING THAT IT WOULD BE
BENEFICIAL FOR THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE COHESION OF THE GROUP OF
77 AND IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTION, MAKE THE
FOLLOWING DECLARATION: (B) THE GROUP OF 77 (1) INVITES ALL
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT AND VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE(S)
PRESENTED BY THE THIRD WORLD. (2) SUBSCRIBES TO ADOPT POSITIVE
MEANS WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING UNEQUIVOCALLY THE ELECTION OF A
CANDIDATE FROM THE THIRD WORLD FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL.(3)
GIVES AUTHORITY TO THE CHAIRMAN AND THE COORDINATORS TO DEFINE
AND IMPLEMENT THESE MEANS FOR THE FULL SUCCESS OF THE FINAL AIM
THUS ENSURING THE REINFORCEMENT AND THE COHESION OF THE GROUP.
IN THIS TASK, THE CHAIRMAN IS AUTHORIZED TO ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

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FROM ANY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE WHICH HE MAY DEEM NECESSARY.

THE MANDATE STIPULATES: (A) THE SELECTION OF ONE SINGLE CANDIDATE FROM THE THIRD WORLD; (B) THE TRANSFER, IN FAVOUR OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FROM THE THIRD WORLD, OF THE VOTES WHICH WERE OBTAINED BY THE OTHER CANDIDATE, IF AGREEMENT ON THE FIRST SOLUTION CANNOT BE REACHED. (C) THE GROUP OF 77 URGES THE CHAIRMAN TO (A) INFORM ALL THE INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS OF THE CONTENT OF THIS DECLARATION, AND (B) TO PREPARE A REPORT, BEFORE 31 OCTOBER 1975, ON THE RESULTS OF THE STEPS UNDERTAKEN IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MANDATE ENTRUSTED TO HIM BY THE PRESENT DECLARATION.

3. RUMOR HAS IT THAT NOTE PUTS GROUP OF 77 IN SUPPORT OF SAOUMA'S CANDIDACY, BUT THIS IS NOT DIRECTLY TRUE. HOWEVER, AS HE IS SAID TO BE LEADING CANDIDATE, PARAGRAPH 3(B) COULD HAVE EFFECT OF SWINGING ELECTION TO SAOUMA AFTER FIRST BALLOT. LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATES SUPPORTING AQUINO ARE UPSET BY THIS NOTE AND DENY FULL GROUP OF 77 APPROVAL OF NOTE AND LANGUAGE.

4. IN ANY EVENT GROUP OF 77 MEETING SCHEDULED FOR EVENING OF OCTOBER 31, 1975 TO CONSIDER ISSUE.

5. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION PANAMANIAN DELEGATE ADMITTED THAT CAMPAIGN WAS GETTING VERY HOT AND DIRTY. ASIANS AND AFRICANS ARE BEING VERY CAREFUL ABOUT COMMITTING THEMSELVES. VOTE COUNTERS NOTE THAT CLAIMED NATIONAL SUPPORT IS ABOUT 100 MORE THAN TOTAL FAO MEMBERSHIP. SOME INTERPRET GROUP OF 77 NOTE AS INDICATION OF WEAKNESS ON PART OF SAOUMA SUPPORTERS AFTER FIRST BALLOT. VOLPE

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